

PRESIDENTS REPORT

My first year as president proved to be fairly easy, due to committee members who willingly take on the more demanding tasks needed to run the veterans. I don't need to name the individuals who do the time-consuming jobs, as their efforts are obvious. Plus, I am sure all committee members would step up if required.

I would like to acknowledge the 20 years of service Gary Hughes has given to the veterans as treasurer. Gary has handed over to John Belshaw, who has agreed to nominate for the position at our A.G.M.

During the year our course was regularly flooded, causing an enormous amount of work for grounds staff. Several of our members rallied to give a hand during the clean-up, reducing the time our course was closed. I would like to see more of our members turn up at organised working bees, if they feel they are physically capable of putting in a few hours to help.

Unfortunately, northern rivers club open days were often cancelled due to rain events. Our own open will be held after our A.G.M. weather permitting. The week of golf did proceed with fewer players than previous years. The event proved to be very popular with our visiting veterans, and financially successful. Many thanks to the organisers, Ray Kent, Gary Fidler and John Belshaw. They deserve all the credit for the success of the event. Also, not to be forgotten, the daily volunteers who turn up to assist. Ground staff should be commended on the presentation of our course, and the cooperation leading up to the W.O.G.

On the issue of our financial situation. We have run at a loss with Covid and floods dictating golf fixtures over a long period of time. We also have relinquished the right to hold competitions on public holidays. These will be run by the golf shop. We still have a healthy bank balance, but I feel we need to proceed with a little caution on spending until we see how the next 12 months pans out.

Unfortunately, we did lose some of our valued members during the year. They will be missed, but I think being involved with the veterans would have been a positive part of their lives. My main objective going forward, is to nurture cooperation and communication with club and course management committees.

I am more than happy to continue as president. But I will encourage members to nominate if they feel they have something to offer for the betterment of the veteran's structure.

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Veterans President